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THE VILLAGE

In this document there are several references to the “Village” although the scope of the Plan is to cover all areas of the Parish as shown on the map on Page 4.

When the term “Village” is used it sometimes refers to the residential area bounded by Church Lane, Andertons Lane, Hightree Drive and Henbury Rise.



HENBURY PARISH PLAN

Background to the Plan

In recent years, national and local government have encouraged the making and implementation of Parish Plans as a way of strengthening and developing smaller, mainly rural, communities.

This Plan has been initiated by Henbury Parish Council and the Steering Group includes the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk to the Council. The Plan is funded mainly by a grant from Cheshire East Council through Cheshire Community Action. It sets out what residents like and dislike about their surroundings together with changes and innovation they would like to see. It should also provide a new focus for the Parish Council and, most importantly, further develop community spirit through tapping into residents' experience and skills by involving more people in the various projects arising from the Plan as outlined in the following pages. The Plan will help to identify funding where needed, influence Cheshire East Council and other agencies in planning for the future and provide valuable information from the results of the questionnaire.

The process of making the Plan.

The process has taken two years, and as we have endeavoured to keep everyone informed at each stage, has involved three well attended public meetings, a questionnaire, a provisional plan and now the final plan. The Steering Group will shortly be replaced by an Implementation Group which will further the actions in the plan. While some members of the Steering Group may wish to continue, we would welcome new members for the new group.

A Community Project

We on the Steering Group have found this project an interesting and stimulating experience. I thank all of them for their enthusiasm, hard work and unfailing good humour. Also, the sub-group members who devised the questions and the recommendations, those who helped with all the deliveries, Bill Geldart who has once again made his talents available to Henbury with his illustrations, Trevor Davies for updating all news of the project's development on the Henbury web-site, and all the Henbury residents for their interest and encouragement as the project progressed. Finally, a special thank you to Bron Kerrigan of Cheshire Community Action for her assistance, support and encouragement throughout.

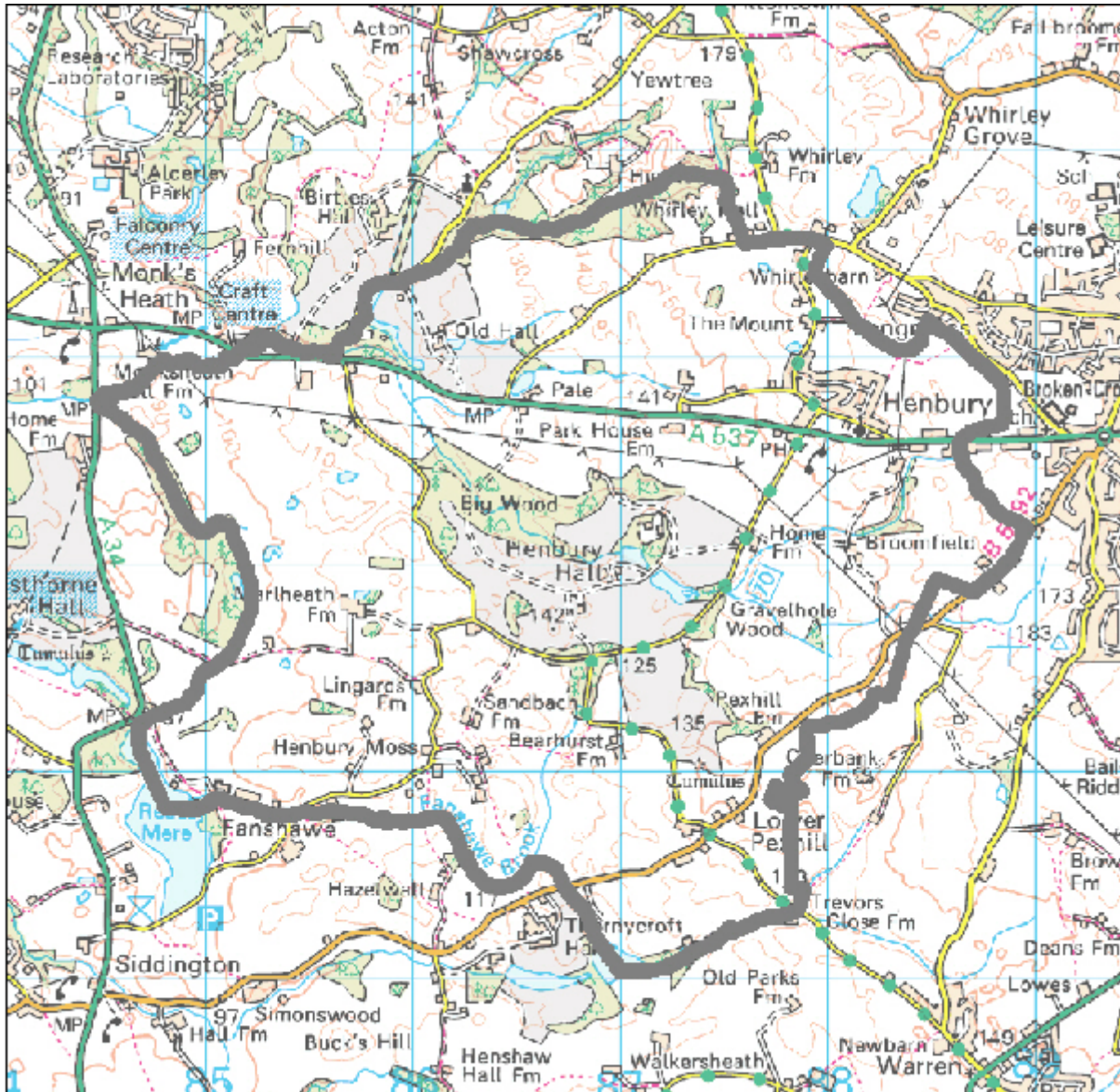
We hope the recommendations in this Plan accurately reflect the feelings and wishes of Henbury residents. Whilst there is no major project in the Plan, we feel there are plenty of practical ideas which, given the necessary support of volunteers and residents, will enhance life in Henbury and further strengthen our Community.

This Plan can only look a limited distance into the future, and no doubt will need to be updated at some stage to respond to the changes and challenges which may lie ahead.

Robin West

Chairman, Steering Group.

THE PARISH OF HENBURY



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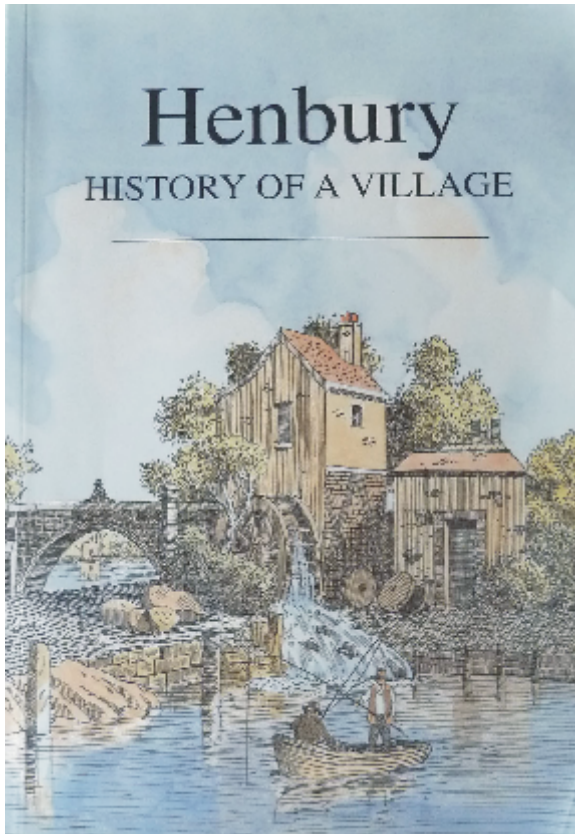
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THE HISTORY OF HENBURY



In the Domesday Survey of 1086 there was already a township called *Hamitberie* which had half a hide of cultivated land (~60 acres) and one hide (~120 acres) which paid taxes. Henbury has no ancient church. It was not a parish but a township, one of many in the great and ancient parish of Prestbury. The township was, over a large part of the country, the smallest unit of local government.

What sort of village is Henbury, with no village centre? Historians call it a dispersed settlement. A better term is a 'ferm toun', a farm town, which really describes a pattern seen at several locations in Henbury of two or three farms and a cottage or two clustered together in their fields, a small hamlet. The main focus of the early village was in the area of Henbury Moss, down Fanshawe Lane. It

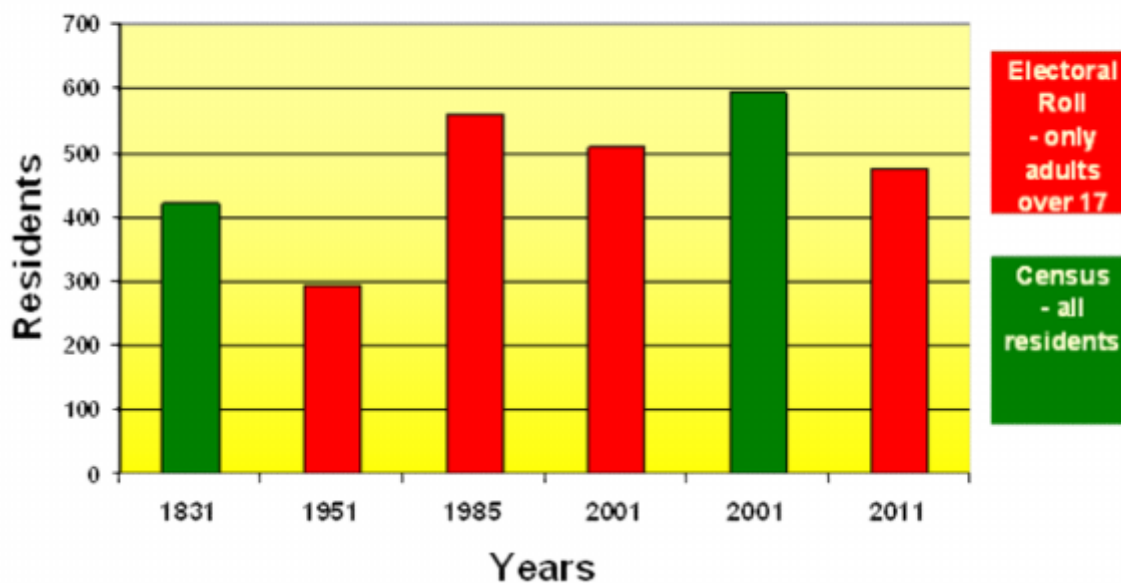
was not until the 19th century, when the Church, Henbury School and the main Knutsford Road were built that the village centre moved north to where it is today.

Henbury has always been a small, independent settlement, distinct from Macclesfield and nearby Broken Cross. From time immemorial it has been agricultural in character. Henbury Hall, which has been the focus of much of the development of the village, has long been the home of many prominent and public-spirited men. The organisation of the village in the 18th and 19th centuries was very much the preserve of the Squire and the leading farming families.

The Parish of Henbury, or to give it its more formal name, Henbury cum Pexhall was formed in 1845 when it was split away from the Parish of Prestbury. Initially the Vicar of the newly built St Thomas' Church, the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council governed the Parish. But in 1894 the Church relinquished its governance of the Parish and the Civil Parish Council was formed. Henbury Parish Council has a continuous record of service to the residents of the Parish from then to the present day.

In the 19th century most people were employed on the land. Farming was very labour intensive and many of those who farmed in these parts lived on the land and raised their children who until 1976 went to St Thomas' Church School on School Lane. As a result of the building of the new houses in the mid-1960's on the Hightree Drive/ Henbury Rise estate, the population rose, with many newcomers being professional people working both locally and further afield.

Population of the Parish



Statistics gleaned from the Electoral Register and from the National Census are shown in the table above

Some of the early history detailed above was taken from "Henbury, History of a Village" with the kind permission of the authors. This book is available locally and is an extremely interesting and well-researched account of Henbury's development.

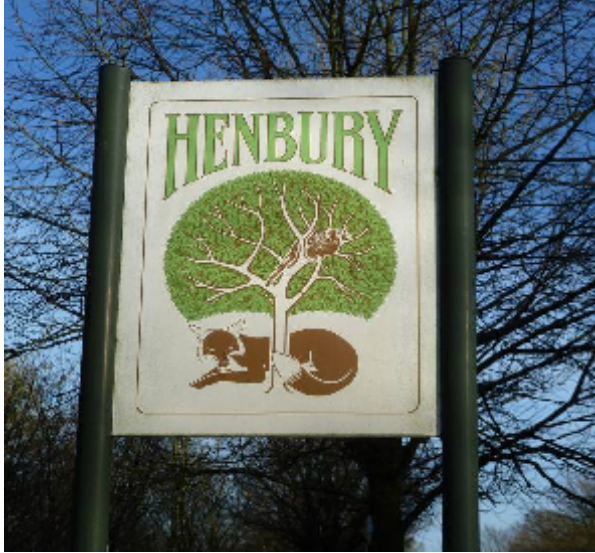


A very old view of Pale Farm



Ploughing with horses at Home Farm

HENBURY TODAY



The modern Parish of Henbury lies on the outskirts of Macclesfield, separated from it by a region of Green Belt. The 1,400 acres are mostly given over to agriculture, and at the geographic centre lies Henbury Hall, a modern (1986) country house built in the Palladian style with carefully landscaped gardens, park and polo field. Surrounding the estate are fields and woodlands with majestic carpets of wild bluebells in spring. A recent Environmental Survey, sponsored by the Parish Council, has established a plan for preserving and enhancing the rural environment. Regular bus services run along the A537 which bisects the Parish and is the main route connecting Henbury eastwards to Macclesfield and Buxton and westwards to Knutsford and via the A34 to Manchester.

Located on this road are the two public houses, the Blacksmith's Arms and the Cock Inn, both of which serve food. In addition, there is a service station which stocks confectionery and other small items. Opposite is a garden centre, cafe and fancy goods shop with the Geldart art gallery close by.

The picturesque 19th Century St Thomas' Church on the north side of the main road has a Church Hall (built 1979) that plays a central part in community life, the venue for many activities and functions, some of which are organized by local members of 'The Henbury Society' and the 'Henbury Events Committee'.

Today's residents enjoy a peaceful rural environment, the absence of significant vandalism or litter whilst being part of an active and neighbourly community and with close proximity to shopping and other amenities in Macclesfield.

Adjacent to the Vicarage is the 'Millennium Green' - managed by the 'Millennium Green Trust' - a facility for all residents and visitors to enjoy. The current layout includes a wild flower meadow that is spectacular in spring and a small maturing wood. In one corner sits a sundial, aligned by a former Astronomer Royal, from which views across the Cheshire Plain can be seen. A small area is set aside as a children's play area. A Summer Fete and Guy Fawkes' bonfire help to provide funds for the ongoing maintenance, much of which is performed voluntarily by local residents.

Several working farms are laid out for arable and dairy farming and some for sheep grazing. Businesses include an agricultural engineer's, an agricultural contracting service and a supplier of building and landscape materials. There is a horse riding school, with stables and ménage ring.

Throughout the Parish there are many older country homes, typical of the Cheshire countryside, some of architectural heritage interest.

THE PEOPLE OF HENBURY

Figures from the 2001 Census gave the total number of residents as 594 (303 males & 291 females), with a median age of 49. The overall age profile was as follows:

Group	Population
0 - 4 years	16
5 - 15 years	69
16 - 24 years	41
25 - 44 years	136
45 - 64 years	207
65 - 74 years	75
75 + years	50

The number of people described as economically active/employed was 287 (160 males and 127 females). The largest group of people classed by 'Work and Qualifications' were professionally qualified.

Of the 253 dwellings, 194 were detached and 55 semi-detached/terraced, and these figures will be much the same today.

The Parish Plan questionnaire was delivered to 252 households and 194 were returned. Generally they were completed comprehensively with many narrative comments. The following is information

obtained from answers to the questionnaire.

It appears that we have a relatively stable population with 57 families having been established in the Parish for over 30 years, whilst 46 have been here for between 21 and 30 years. Eighty-five households are of 2 people, and 46 people live alone. There are homes with three, four or five residents, one with 6 and one with 7.

There are 185 persons of working age and 162 people over retirement age. Those in education number 84. At the lower end one child is in pre-school, 30 in primary education and 21 are in secondary education. At the top end of the scale six students are in tertiary education and 17 students are at University.

121 people stated that they were in full employment with 44 people in part-time employment. 158 people described themselves as retired. There are 21 residents classed as 'homemakers', and four actively job-seeking. One person is registered disabled.

Not surprisingly the car featured as the most common form of travel. It was interesting to note that of distances travelled to work, 79% were either between 1 and 5 miles or more than 10 miles.

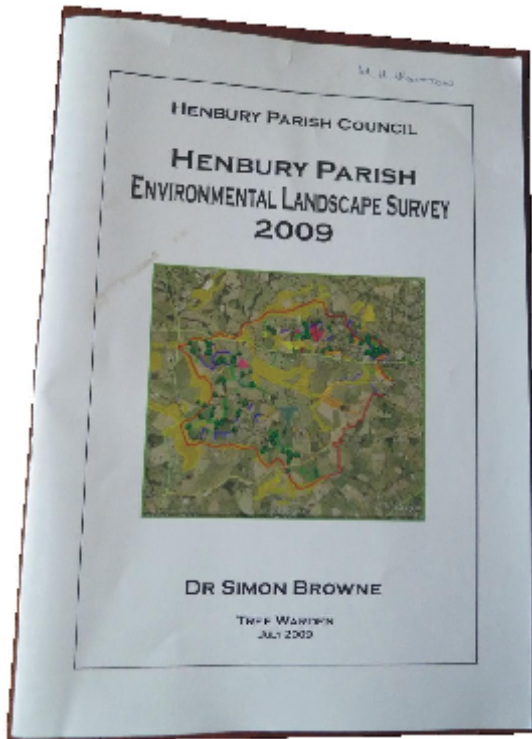
The results of the consultation

The following sections give a summary of the results of the consultation together with a list of the Steering Group's recommendations. Whilst the narrative includes a significant amount of data, ***the reader should refer to Appendix 2 for a detailed analysis of the results.***

THE ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

The Green Belt

The Parish of Henbury is of a predominantly rural nature. When broken down by area, grassland/parkland forms 78% of the Parish, arable land 8%, woodlands a little under 10%, farmsteads and ponds 3% and the cluster of houses which forms the Village itself a little over 1%. The Green Belt washes over the whole of the Parish (including the Village) and what used to be the Borough of Macclesfield includes the second largest area of Green Belt land in England.



Amongst the residents of the Parish there is overwhelming support (96%) for:

- the retention and protection of the Green Belt
- the retention of the physical break (in the form of open land) between Henbury and Broken Cross. This is felt to be of particular importance in order to preserve the village nature of Henbury

- the extensive and detailed Environmental Landscape Survey recently completed by the Parish Council.

This survey sets out a programme of improvements to the rural landscape of the Parish (largely related to wildlife conservation) in the form of (among other things) tree planting, hedgerow maintenance and restoration, and woodland and crop management for the benefit of lapwings and other ground nesting birds. Work has already started on the programme and, although the Parish Council is committed to providing some funding for this, external sources of funding are also being actively pursued.

The nature of farming within the Parish has changed over recent years. Whereas it used to be almost exclusively dairy farming there is now a mix of dairy and sheep farming. In relation to any redundant farm buildings (of which there are now only relatively few) there is strong support for these being used for other purposes – “development is preferable to dereliction”. The preferred alternative use is residential, but there is also support for the conversion of such buildings into small office or light industrial units.

Future Residential Development

Some 76% of the residents of Henbury are opposed to any form of future residential development within the Parish. However, the possibility has to be faced that at a time in the future there might have to be some development in the Parish. In such an eventuality the question would arise as to what type of

housing, how many, over what period of time and in what locality.

There is a mix of views as to house type, but a majority of the residents would like to see the number of new housing units limited to 20 with a development period of not more than 10 years. It is understood that Cheshire East might prefer any such residential development to consist of or include “affordable housing” (particularly in this part of the County) for people having a “local connection” i.e. those working in the area or having family in the area. It is thought possible for the position of the Parish to be protected to a certain extent by the existence of a Section 106 Planning Agreement, under which prospective purchasers would have to satisfy a body that they had such local connection,

Only 42% expressed a view as to the location of any such development. Of these, 46 respondents favoured the fringes of the Village with 30 preferring the south side of the A537. There was a general concern that any such development must be sympathetic and with no adverse effect on the character of the area.

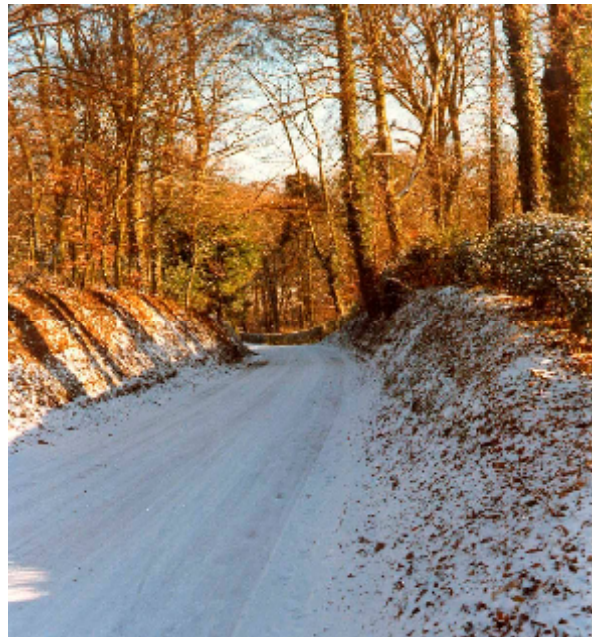
Recommendations

- 2.1** The Parish Council should explore the possibility of the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document which would encompass the views set out in the above two headings or, if the Localism Bill which is currently before Parliament is enacted substantially in its present form, the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.2** The Parish Council should also explore the type of safeguards for the Parish which could be written into the text of the Section 106 Planning Agreement referred to above.

Green Issues

Of those who expressed a view 66% were in favour of the Parish having its own green/carbon issues policy, and there is an encouraging number who expressed a willingness to give their help in devising and implementing such a policy.

In relation to individual areas of concern, a large majority are opposed to wind turbines being sited within the curtilage of houses and there is also opposition to the establishment of wind turbine farms within the Parish. There is however very strong support for the installation of solar panels. The establishment of a plastic recycling



facility within the Parish also has strong support but it is appreciated that this could not be achieved until there was an organisation (Cheshire East or another body) who would remove the plastic.

Recommendation

- 2.3** A working party should be set up (involving many of those who had expressed a willingness to take part) to consider the formulation of a green/carbon issues policy for the Parish.

Public Footpaths

A small majority of the residents of the Parish are of the view that it is not necessary to create any further public footpaths within the Parish, but a substantial minority feel that there is a shortage of such footpaths particularly to the south of the A537. A number of specific suggestions have been made for the possible routing of new footpaths.

It is appreciated that the creation of a new public footpath can be a lengthy exercise. There would need to be initial agreement with the relevant landowner, the consent of Cheshire East would then need to be obtained, and finally an application would need to be made to the Courts for the relevant Order.

An alternative (which would entail far less delay and expense) would be to come to an agreement with a relevant landowner for the creation of a “permissive” right of way i.e. a right of way enjoyed under the consent of the landowner but which

consent he could withdraw at any time.

A majority of people are satisfied with the signage of public footpaths.

Recommendation

- 2.4 A working party should be set up to determine the possible route of any such new public footpaths and then (in conjunction with the Parish Council) to make the initial approach to the relevant landowners regarding the creation of a public right of way or a permissive right of way.

Local Heritage

About 63% of residents are interested in, and would like to have more information about, buildings of local importance and buildings or landmarks of archaeological or historic interest. It is suggested that, if not already done, the Henbury Society should prepare a schedule of such buildings incorporating as much information as is possible, and arrange for this to be circulated around the Parish.



SERVICES

This section looked at the provision of services to the Parish. Residents were asked to give their perception of the quality and effectiveness of the services and to comment where appropriate.

Disability

The present age distribution within the Parish showed 38% over retirement age. This indicates that in future there could be an increasing mobility problem. Suggestions included seating at various locations and lowering kerbs at junctions. Attention was also drawn to vegetation growth restricting pavement and roadside space.

Recommendation

- 3.1** Wheelchair users should be consulted and positive action taken relating to overhanging vegetation and narrowing of pavements through verge encroachment.

Broadband

About 80% of households have access to the internet but there is considerable dissatisfaction (64%) with the service with particular mention of slow speed and breaks in connection. 84% rated it important to increase broadband speed. However BT Openreach is commissioning an upgrade scheduled to begin shortly.

Recommendation

- 3.2** Monitor any developments by BT Openreach before taking action.

Street Lighting

Outside the village there was little support (16%) for lighting. Within the village nearly 40% favoured full or partial lighting, with

the Church Lane area being mentioned most often by those making comment.

Recommendation

- 3.3** That these results should be noted, but that since there was insufficient general support, no action would be taken.

Gas

Households not currently served by mains gas would welcome a supply to their area. It was felt that this would be very costly.

Recommendation

- 3.4** The matter should be explored, in conjunction with their neighbours, by those residents concerned.

Electricity

Disruptions to supply still occur but less frequently now than in the past 34% of households registered dissatisfaction with the service.

Recommendation

- 3.5** The Parish Council to press for improvement particularly relating to maintenance of overhead cables.

Postal Delivery

Approximately 24% of households were dissatisfied with the service. In some parts of the Parish the post does not arrive until very late morning or in the afternoon.

Recommendation

- 3.6** Convey the results of our survey and press for improvement.

Post Office

There was considerable dissatisfaction (81%) following the closure of Broken Cross Post Office. Access was now



difficult as the 'nearest' alternatives are not within walking distance nor possible by public transport.

Recommendation

- 3.7 Make the strength of views known to Royal Mail and request that any opportunity to reinstate a local Post Office should be taken.

Roads/Pavements

Nearly 60% were dissatisfied with the condition of roads. Although 65% were satisfied with the condition of pavements,

attention was drawn to the poor maintenance of the path along the A537.

Recommendation

- 3.8 The Parish Council to continue to monitor the situation.

Public Transport

Only a small number of people use the local bus services on a regular basis. There was concern about the unpredictable timing of some services. (Since the opening of the Alderley Edge by-pass it was hoped things might improve). There were also requests for times to be displayed at all stops.

Recommendation

- 3.9 Cheshire Transport Coordination is requested to post scheduled times of bus services at Church Lane.



Winter sunset from Ruewood, Chelford Road

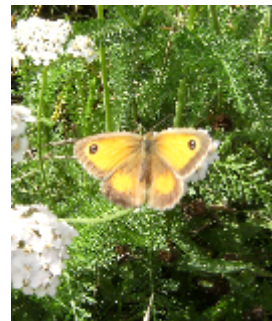
COMMUNICATIONS

The survey showed that 80% of households receive information about Village activities from a variety of paper based sources (Church magazine, flyers, newsletters), a few (6%) receive it from websites and even fewer (1%) by notice board. Just a quarter said they visit the Village website occasionally, although 79% have internet access at home. This suggests that, whilst paper based information reaches a majority of households today, there is scope to increase substantially the use of electronic communication. Of those who had never used the Village and Church websites, many commented that they were unaware of them, but will use them in future provided the sites are up to date and user friendly.

Almost all respondents (96%) would prefer to receive **all** Village information from a **single** information source and just over a half would be prepared to pay for it. Whilst 65% want it paper based, a third would prefer to receive it electronically and the remainder (2%) via notice boards. Since a minority of households do not have internet access, an alternative in another format must be made available.

Recommendations.

- 4.1 Set up a **Communications Action Group** to establish a single information source that will effectively keep all residents regularly informed about all events, activities, available facilities and matters of concern to the community. This must include considering the options of paper based, electronic and notice board information distribution.
- 4.2 The **Communications Action Group** should evaluate the Village Website with a view to making it user friendly and more frequently used for the distribution and exchange of information within the community.
- 4.3 The Henbury Society should be asked to update the publication "Henbury Today" and re-distribute it.



Brimstone Butterfly on the Green



The Millennium Green—Wildflowers and Sundial

COMMUNITY

This section looked at the social life in Henbury and the community amenities currently available. This included activities held in the Church Hall and on the Millennium Green. Residents were also asked whether there were any improvements or changes that they would like to see included in the Plan.

Church Hall.

Most respondents (92%) believe the Church Hall is an important asset to the community and 96% rated the facilities good or very good. When asked to suggest improvements, a small number of people mentioned better facilities for wheelchair users.



Recommendation

- 5.1 Investigate the feasibility of installing a disabled toilet in the Church Hall.

The Millennium Green

The majority of people (86%) believe the Millennium Green is an important asset to Henbury. In response to the question 'what would encourage you to use it more often?' there were various suggestions, the most common being an improved children's play area.



Play Area for young children

Approximately 80% of those who expressed an opinion said they would like an improved children's play area in the village – the obvious site being the Millennium Green.

Recommendation

- 5.2 Establish a working group to look into providing a Play Area for young children. This group will liaise with the Millennium Green Trust and investigate the different types of play equipment which might be suitable. Ways of funding this project will need to be found. If the Millennium Green proves not to be the site for this, it will need to be considered elsewhere in the Parish.

Other Millennium Green suggestions

These included additional seating (more comfortable, with 'backs', in sunny and in sheltered locations), more flower and shrub planting, more paths and opening up the Millennium Green to dog walkers.

Recommendation

- 5.3 These suggestions will be passed on to the Millennium Green Trust for their consideration.

Groups and Activities

Several organisations already meet in the Church Hall, including the W.I. Probus, Guides and Brownies. There were a number of suggestions for other activities including bridge, history, and exercise classes.

Recommendation

- 5.4** Advertise for volunteers prepared to run any of the suggested activities and to facilitate the setting up of these groups.

Youth Club

80% of people who expressed an opinion were in favour of more facilities for young people aged 11-16.

Recommendation

- 5.5** Establish a working group to look at Youth activities with a view to setting up a Youth Club. This group should include young people within the 11-16 age range.

Allotments

Twenty nine households would be interested in having an allotment if land was available.

Recommendation

- 5.6** Request the Parish Council to look into the possible provision of suitable land for an allotment site. The Millennium Green is not an option for this.

The North/South Divide

The main issue with people living south of the A537 seems to be lack of communication about activities happening either at the Church Hall or on the Millennium Green.

Recommendation

- 5.7** Encourage all organisers of events and groups to ensure that all houses in the Parish receive the same

information. This recommendation may be covered by actions taken within the communications section of the Parish Plan.

Key Groups in the Community

95% of those who expressed an opinion believed the following groups which serve the community were satisfactory or better. These were the Parish Council, the Henbury Society, the Events Committee and the Parochial Church Council.

- 65% rated Cheshire East Council satisfactory or better.
- 70% of residents had never attended a Parish Council meeting.

There were additional comments indicating that people were not clear about the role of each group.

Recommendation

- 5.8** Encourage the main groups in the Parish to do a PR exercise to inform the residents about meetings, membership and what they do.



St. Thomas' Church

SECURITY

For the theme of Security, the questionnaire was designed to ascertain whether or not residents had been victims of a crime whilst in the Parish within the last 3 years. Residents' feelings on crime within Henbury, and the protection provided to minimise crime were also sought. Questions were asked to find out about the types of crime such as Burglary, Theft of a motor vehicle, Vandalism, Distraction burglary and Muggings, and whether these had been reported to the Police.

The crime rate over the 3 year period does not seem to be any higher than the national average for a rural area. Less than 30% (51/183) of responses reported a crime of any kind, and house burglary (26 instances) and car vandalism (10 incidents) were the most frequently reported crimes. There were small numbers of other crimes but with no identifiable pattern. (see Appendix 2, page 35 for full results).

Neighbourhood Watch

Whilst there are Neighbourhood Watch schemes in operation in some parts of the village (covering 39 households), over 65% of respondents reported that there was no formal scheme where they resided. Informal schemes exist whereby close neighbours look after each other's homes whilst absent, but there was strong support for joining such a formal scheme with half of those not currently in a scheme indicating interest, and many of those households prepared to help. Subsequent discussions have also indicated that there is little co-ordination between the existing groups, and some of the information sent to scheme co-ordinators may be of interest to the community, but is not widely circulated,



suggesting more could be done to improve awareness. The sub-group believe that this type of information could be included in the material being considered by the communications action group.

Recommendations

- 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch schemes to be re-introduced and refreshed.
- 6.2 Improve co-ordination between separate Henbury-based Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- 6.3 Encourage individual households to join the appropriate local scheme, and circulate relevant information with local newsletter

Police Presence

The number of people meeting the Police Community Support Officer is very small (18%) and awareness of the support that was available, extremely limited. There were more expressing dissatisfaction (33%) with the police presence than were satisfied (20%). This coupled with some of the comments received suggests that Police presence should be more visible.

Recommendations

- 6.4 Improve awareness of local Police contacts among residents by dissemination of information
- 6.5 Invite local community support officer (PCSO) to residents' meeting.

ROAD SAFETY



To determine residents' attitudes to Road Safety, the questionnaire sought responses on current speed limits, access for large vehicles and road signage. The rural nature of Henbury inevitably means that many of the roads are narrow and not always suitable for those drivers unfamiliar with the area using satellite navigation systems.

Overall, the majority of respondents were satisfied with the speed limits within the Parish, but those expressing dissatisfaction are a significant minority, and this therefore needs to be explored further, particularly as over half believe that the speed limits on specific roads should be reviewed.

Concerns expressed in the comments suggested that the speed limits on the main road A 537 (40 mph) were not respected and subsequent discussion came to the conclusion that the types of radar operated advisory signs used in other Cheshire Parishes might be useful.

This idea needs to be explored further. Improvement of the signage for the speed limit on Church Lane should also be considered.

Concerns were also expressed regarding the dangers of speeding on Andertons Lane (a narrow road with some tight corners and difficult sight lines and likely to be used as a short cut when there is congestion on the main road). This road has also been a concern with regard to use by heavy vehicles despite clear road signs advising unsuitability for articulated vehicles. The possibility of reducing the speed limit and improving signage regarding unsuitability for HGV access was mentioned in several comments.

Recommendations

- 6.6 Investigate possibility of installing radar operated advisory speed sign on A537
- 6.7 Suggest that speed limit on Andertons Lane be reduced to 20 mph.
- 6.8 Suggest that speed limit signage on Church Lane be improved
- 6.9 Suggest improvements to signage to Andertons Lane to indicate unsuitability other than for access



The Buzzard on the Green

APPENDIX 1 - ACTION PLANS

Tables showing the Action Plan for each section are set out on the following pages. Progress and further actions will be reported back to the Implementation Group. The detailed results of the survey together with analyses are shown in Appendix 2

THE ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	TIME SCALE
Green Belt / Housing 2.1	Explore the possibility of preparing a Supplementary Planning Agreement or, if the Localism Bill is enacted, of a Neighbourhood Plan.	The Parish Council	The spatial planners at Cheshire East. Sir Iain Glidewell	Implementation to start as soon as possible after the Localism Bill is enacted
2.2	Explore the type of safeguards for the Parish which, in the event of affordable housing being required in the Parish, could be included in a Section106 Agreement.	The Parish Council	The spatial planners at Cheshire East.	Not an immediate priority, but the process should start once the likelihood of affordable housing in the Parish becomes a possibility.
Green / Carbon Issues 2.3	Aim to set up a green/ carbon issues policy for the Parish.	An action group of volunteers		Report by the end of 2012
Public footpaths 2.4	Complete a survey of possible routes for new public footpaths or permissive rights of way, and make an initial approach to relevant landowner(s).	An action group	The Parish Council	Report by the end of 2012

SERVICES

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	TIME SCALE
Disability 3.1	Consult wheelchair users. Check on overhanging vegetation and verge encroachment	Parish Council	Cheshire East Council	By Oct 2011 Ongoing
Broadband 3.2	Monitor the situation to see whether things improve	M. Wood	BT Openreach	Report back at end of 2011
Electricity 3.5	Press for improvement particularly relating to maintenance of overhead cables	Parish Council	United Utilities	Report back at end of 2011
Postal Delivery 3.6	Convey results of the survey to Royal Mail and press for improvement	Parish Council	Royal Mail	Report back within 3 months
Post Office 3.7	Make strength of views known. Seek reinstatement of a Post Office should a suitable location arise	Parish Council	Royal Mail	Report back within 3 months
Roads/Pavements 3.8	Monitor the state of road surfaces and verges and notify authorities as necessary	Parish Council	Cheshire East Council	Ongoing
Public Transport 3.9	Request that the times of buses be posted at the Church Lane stops	Parish Council	Cheshire Transport Co-ordination	Action completed

COMMUNICATIONS

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	TIME SCALE
Single information source 4.1	Set up a Communication Action Group of community volunteers to achieve the objective by considering paper based, electronic and traditional methods such as Notice Boards	Communications Action Group All village organisations	Sources of grant aid Sponsors Volunteer distributors	Action Group established by July 2011. Progress report to Implementation Group by December 2011
Village website 4.2	Ask the community what additional facilities they wish to see, investigate the feasibility of achieving these both technically and financially then implement the improvements	Communications Action Group henburyvillage.org.uk webmaster The community Appropriate website suppliers	Sources of grant aid Sponsors	Determine what improvements are required and report to Implementation Group by end September 2011.
Newcomers to Henbury 4.3	Update the 2006 publication "Henbury Today"	The Henbury Society		Updated version published by end of 2011

COMMUNITY

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	TIME SCALE
Church Hall 5.1	Investigate the feasibility of a disabled toilet in the hall	Parochial Church Council		Report back by end of 2011
Children's Play Area 5.2	Establish a working group to look into setting up a play area for young children.	Action Group	Millennium Green Trust Cheshire East Council Parish Council Funding organisations including possible sponsors	Action group established by July 2011 Initial report back by end of 2011. Ongoing with regular updates
Use of the Millennium Green 5.3	Forward suggestions directly to the Millennium Green Trust for their comments/actions	Millennium Green Trust		Report back by end of 2011 with an action plan.
Groups and Activities 5.4	Seek volunteers who might be interested in setting up and running a group	Implementation Group	Existing organisations. People who agree to run the individual activity.	Ongoing. Initial report back by end of 2011

COMMUNITY Continued

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Youth Club 5.5	Establish a working group with a view to setting up a Youth Club	Action Group	Youth organisations Possible sources of grants/funding	Initial report back by end of 2011
Allotments 5.6	Ask the Parish Council to look for a possible site	Parish Council	Cheshire East Council	Report back by end of 2011
North/South divide 5.7	Aim to provide better communication to those residents living south of the A537	All organisers of events and activities.	Communications Action Group	Ongoing
Key Groups in the Community 5.8	Ask the main groups to do a PR exercise to clarify the role they play in the community	Events Committee, Henbury Society, Millennium Green Trust, Parochial Church Council	Communications Action Group	Ongoing

SECURITY

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Security 6.1	Existing Neighbourhood Watch schemes to be refreshed and new schemes introduced	Existing Neighbourhood watch co-ordinators	Jane Thirsk Police Homewatch co-ordinator	Ongoing during 2011 and beyond
Neighbour-hood Watch 6.2	Improve co-ordination between Henbury-based Neighbourhood Watch schemes	Neighbourhood watch co-ordinators	Jane Thirsk Police Homewatch co-ordinator	Ongoing during 2011 and beyond
Neighbour-hood Watch 6.3	Encourage households to join the appropriate local scheme	Residents involved	Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators Parish Council	Ongoing during 2011 and beyond
Police Contact 6.4	Improve awareness of local Police contacts among residents by dissemination of information	Communications Action group and Henbury Village web-master	Communications Action group	Summer 2011
Police Contact 6.5	Invite local community support officer (PCSO) to residents' meeting	Parish Council	Police	By June 2012

ROAD SAFETY

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Road Safety Speed Limits 6.6	Investigate the possibility of installing radar operated advisory speed sign on A 537	Parish Council	Cheshire East Council, Cheshire Transport Co-ordination	Next Parish Council Meeting
Road Safety Speed Limits 6.7	Suggest that speed limit on Andertons Lane be reduced to 20 mph.	Parish Council	Cheshire East Council, Cheshire Transport Co-ordination	Next Parish Council meeting
Road Safety Signage 6.8	Suggest that speed limit signage on Church Lane be improved	Parish Council	Cheshire East Council, Cheshire Transport Co-ordination	Next Parish Council meeting
Road Safety HGV Access 6.9	Suggest improvements to signage to Andertons Lane to indicate unsuitability other than for access	Parish Council	Cheshire East Council, Cheshire Transport Co-ordination	Next Parish Council meeting

APPENDIX 2 - SURVEY RESULTS & ANALYSIS

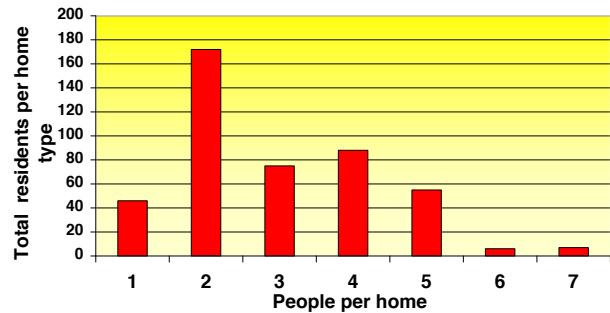
The analysis of the returned Questionnaires is given below. The numbers shown are per “household” unless otherwise stated as “people”. Selected issues are highlighted in graph form where the numbers always represent people or households, not percentages. The paragraph numbering has gaps where numerical analysis is not possible, i.e. for comments.

ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD

1.1 Number of Residents in each home

Number of People	Homes	People
1	46	46
2	86	172
3	25	75
4	22	88
5	11	55
6	1	6
7	1	7

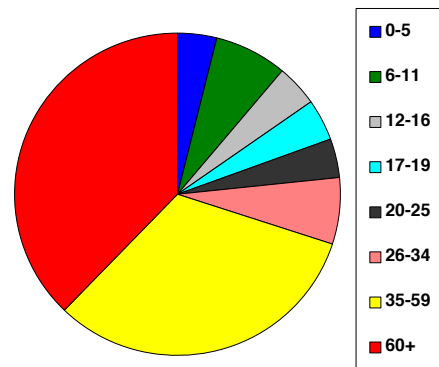
1.1 Number of Residents in each home



1.2 How many in each age group?

0-5	17
06-11	31
12-16	18
17-19	18
20-25	17
26-34	29
35-59	141
60+	164

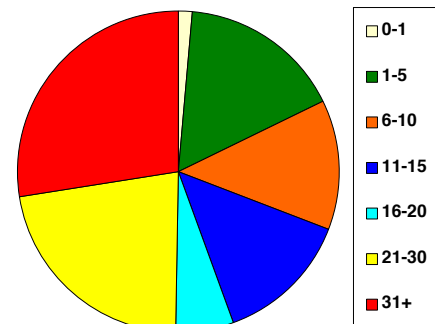
1.2 Residents by age group



1.3 Resident in Henbury (by household)

Less than 1 year	3
1 ~ 5 years	34
6 ~ 10 years	27
11 ~ 15 years	28
16 ~ 20 years	12
21 ~ 30 years	46
Over 31 years	57

1.3 Years in Henbury by household



1.5 Employment, Education and Status

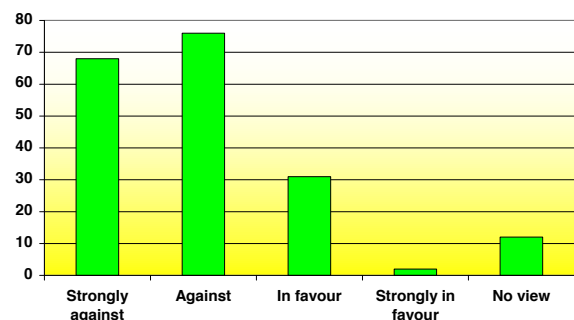
Fully employed	121
Part time employed	44
Job Seeking	4
Homemaker	21
Retired	158
Apprentice/Trainee	1
Pre-School	10
Infants and Juniors - KS1 and KS2	30
Secondary School - KS3 and KS4	21
Tertiary Education	6
University	17
Disabled	1

2.1 Housing - Residential Development

THE ENVIRONMENT & LANDSCAPE

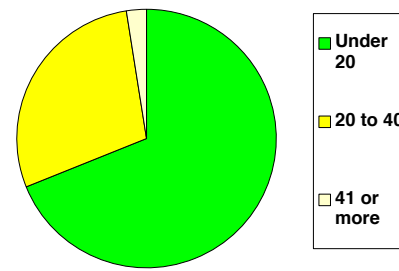
2.1 Housing - Residential Development

Response	Households
Strongly against	68
Against	76
In favour	31
Strongly in favour	2
No view	12

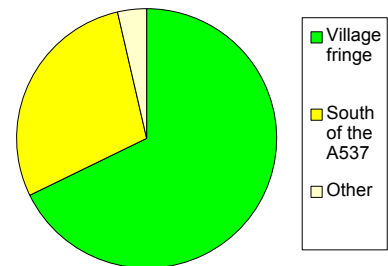


	Households
2.2.1 Housing - Preferences if developed - House types	
Luxury	23
Affordable	23
Mixed	33
Retirement	10
Rentable	6
2.2.2 Housing - Preferences if developed - Quantity	
Under 20	55
20 to 40	23
41 or more	2
2.2.3 Housing - Preferences if developed - Location	
Village fringe	55
South of the A537	23
Other	3
2.2.4 Housing - Preferences if developed - Timescale	
0 to 5 years	19
6 to 10 years	30
Over 10 years	23
2.3 Green Belt - To be protected	
Strongly against	0
Against	6
In favour	26
Strongly in favour	97
No view	1
2.4 Green Belt - Physical Break to be protected	
Strongly against	2
Against	4
In favour	40
Strongly in favour	135
No view	4
2.5 Rural Landscape - Support for maintaining	
Strongly against	2
Against	0
In favour	63
Strongly in favour	120
No view	5
2.6 Redundant Buildings - Use for other purposes	
Strongly against	13
Against	10
In favour	122
Strongly in favour	30
No view	9
2.7 Redundant Buildings - Possible uses	
Small offices	36
Light industry	15
Residential	92
Any	37
No opinion	12
2.9 Green Issues - Local carbon strategy	
Strongly against	12
Against	28
In favour	60
Strongly in favour	16
No view	63

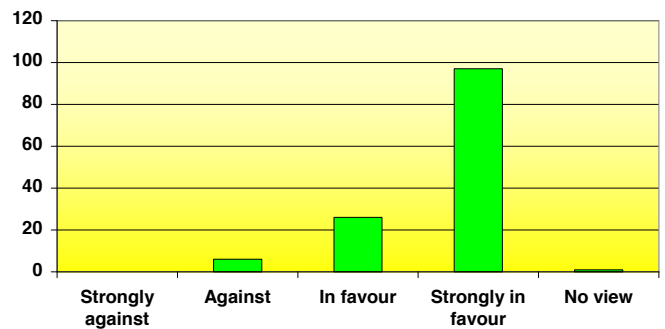
2.2.2 Housing Preferences if developed - Quantity



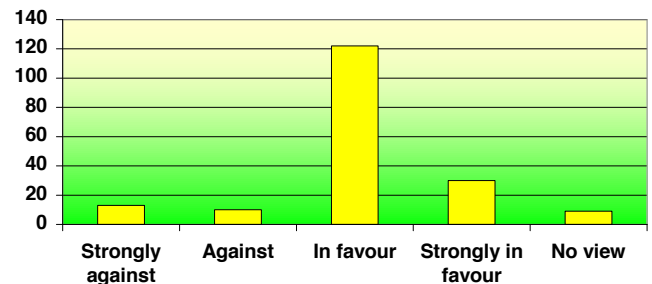
2.2.3 Housing Preferences if developed - Location



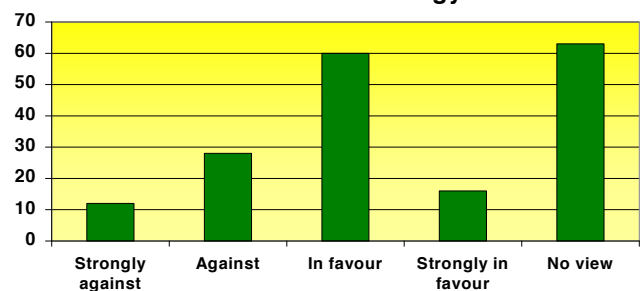
2.3 Green Belt - to be protected



2.6 Redundant Buildings - Use for other purposes



2.9 Green Issues - Local carbon strategy



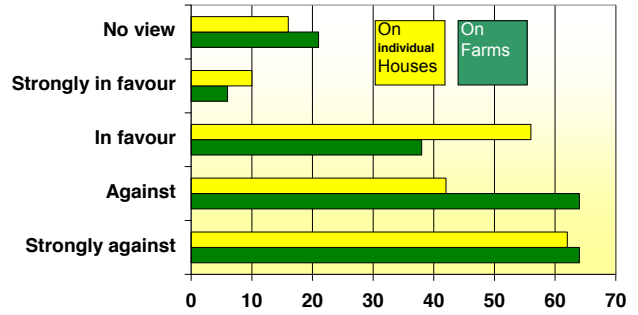
Households

2.10 Green Issues - Local strategy - Help with drafting	
Yes	30
No	50
2.12 Green Issues - Wind turbines at individual Houses	
Strongly against	64
Against	64
In favour	38
Strongly in favour	6
No view	21
2.13 Green Issues - Wind turbines on Farms	
Strongly against	62
Against	42
In favour	56
Strongly in favour	10
No view	16
2.14 Green Issues - Solar Panels	
Strongly against	4
Against	5
In favour	112
Strongly in favour	37
No view	25
2.15 Green Issues - Recycling of Plastic materials	
Strongly against	10
Against	14
In favour	81
Strongly in favour	73
No view	5
2.16 Footpaths and Rights of Way - Are more required?	
Yes	55
No	79
No opinion	53
Footpaths and Rights of Way – Are they sufficiently signed?	
2.18	
Yes	112
No	39
No opinion	31
Footpaths and Rights of Way – Are there problems with the verges?	
2.19	
Yes	77
No	75
No opinion	29
Local Heritage - How many are concerned about landmark buildings?	
2.21	
Yes	106
No	61

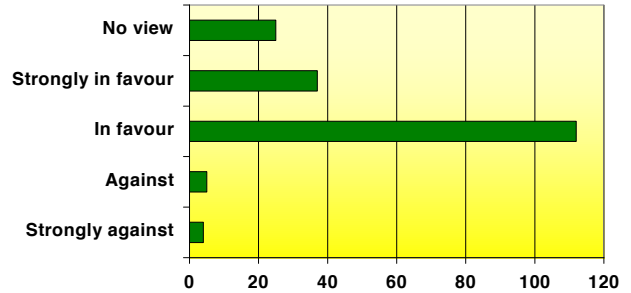
SERVICES

3.2 Broadband - Usage	
Yes	146
No	39
3.3 Broadband - Satisfaction Level	
Very dissatisfied	38
Dissatisfied	58
Satisfied	46
Very satisfied	0
No opinion	6

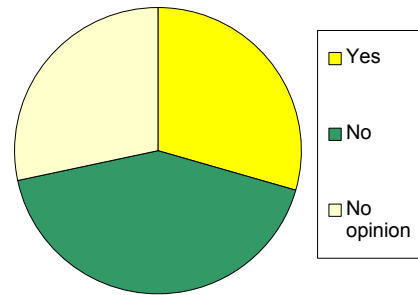
2.12 & 2.13 Wind Turbines in the Parish



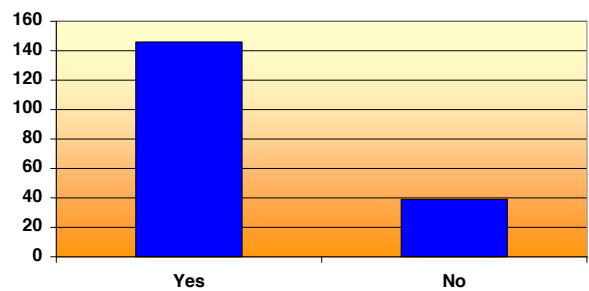
2.14 Solar Panels



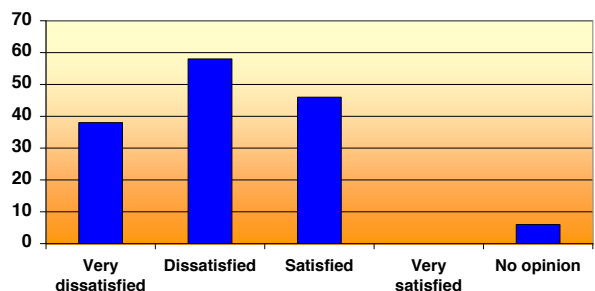
2.16 More footpaths required?



3.2 Broadband Usage

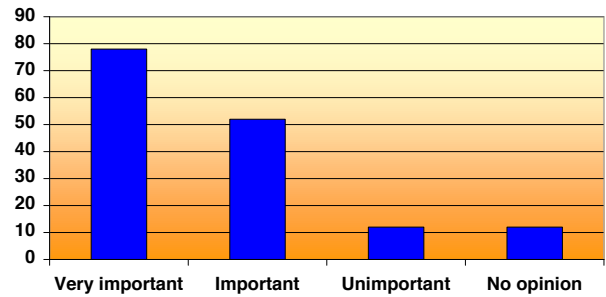


3.3 Broadband Satisfaction Level

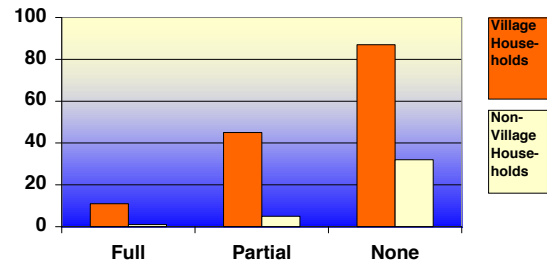


		Households
3.4	Broadband - Need to increase Speed	
	Very important	78
	Important	52
	Unimportant	12
	No opinion	12
	Street Lighting - Village	
3.5	Full	11
3.6	Partial	45
3.7	None	87
	Street Lighting - Non-Village	
3.5	Full	1
3.6	Partial	5
3.7	None	32
3.9	Utilities - Gas	
	Very dissatisfied	13
	Dissatisfied	5
	Satisfied	102
	Very satisfied	48
	No opinion	12
3.10	Utilities - Electricity	
	Very dissatisfied	14
	Dissatisfied	49
	Satisfied	99
	Very satisfied	23
	No opinion	0
3.11	Utilities - Water	
	Very dissatisfied	3
	Dissatisfied	10
	Satisfied	127
	Very satisfied	37
	No opinion	2
3.12	Utilities - Sewerage	
	Very dissatisfied	10
	Dissatisfied	7
	Satisfied	106
	Very satisfied	28
	No opinion	17
3.13	Utilities - Postal Deliveries	
	Very dissatisfied	13
	Dissatisfied	31
	Satisfied	108
	Very satisfied	29
	No opinion	1
3.14	Utilities - Access to Post Office	
	Very dissatisfied	91
	Dissatisfied	57
	Satisfied	25
	Very satisfied	1
	No opinion	9

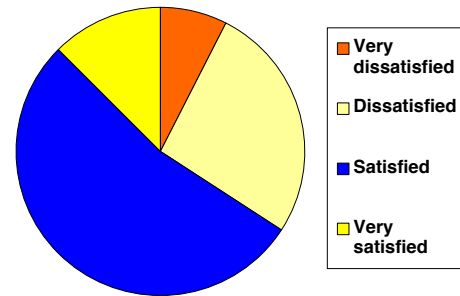
3.4 Broadband - Need to increase speed



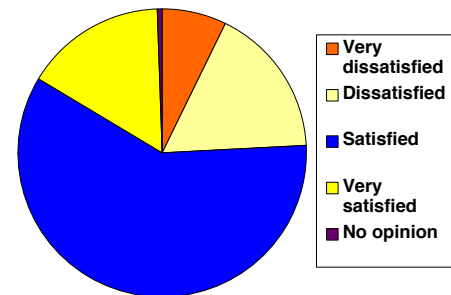
3.5,3.6,3.7 Street Lighting in residents' local area



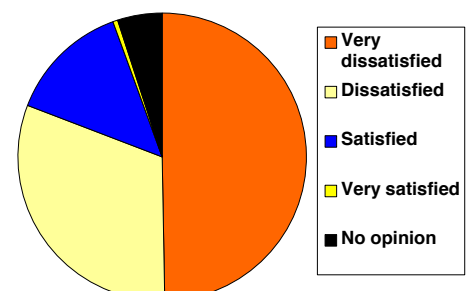
3.10 Utilities - Electricity



3.13 Utilities - Postal Deliveries



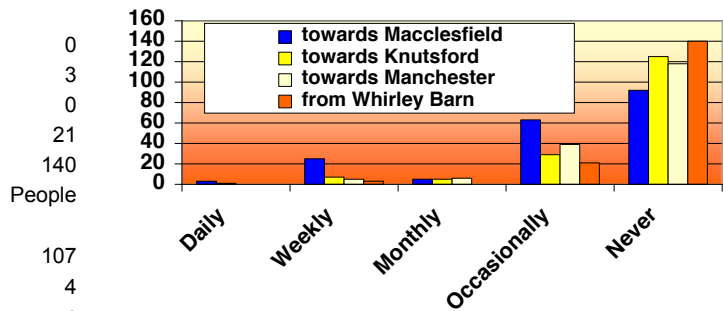
3.14 Utilities - Access to Post Office



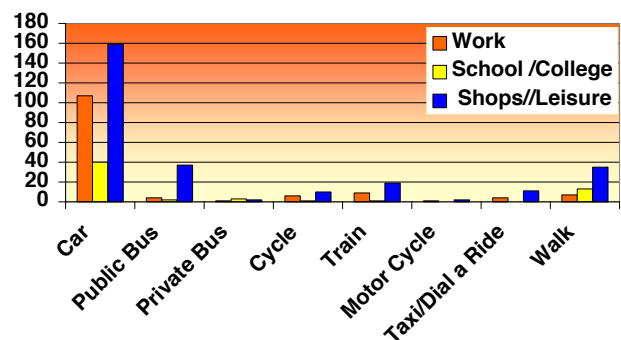
		Households
Roads and Pavements - Satisfaction		
3.16	Roads	
	Very dissatisfied	32
	Dissatisfied	67
	Satisfied	75
	Very satisfied	1
	No opinion	3
3.17	Pavements	
	Very dissatisfied	7
	Dissatisfied	39
	Satisfied	114
	Very satisfied	2
	No opinion	16
Use of Public Transport		
3.18	Routes towards Macclesfield	
	Daily	3
	Weekly	25
	Monthly	5
	Occasionally	63
	Never	92
3.19	Routes towards Knutsford	
	Daily	1
	Weekly	7
	Monthly	5
	Occasionally	29
	Never	125
3.20	Routes towards Manchester	
	Daily	0
	Weekly	5
	Monthly	6
	Occasionally	39
	Never	118
3.21	Route from Whirley Barn	
	Daily	0
	Weekly	3
	Monthly	0
	Occasionally	21
	Never	140
3.23	Getting to work	
	Car	107
	Public Bus	4
	Private Bus	1
	Cycle	6
	Train	9
	Motor Cycle	1
	Taxi/Dial a Ride	4
	Walk	7
3.24	Getting to School or College	
	Car	40
	Public bus	2
	Private bus	3
	Cycle	1
	Train	1
	Motor Cycle	0
	Taxi / Dial a Ride	0
	Walk	13

		People
3.25	Getting to the Shops/Leisure Pursuits	
	Car	159
	Public bus	37
	Private bus	2
	Cycle	10
	Train	19
	Motor Cycle	2
	Taxi / Dial a Ride	11
	Walk	35
3.26	Travelling Distances To Work	
	Less than 1 mile	13
	Between 1 and 5 miles	48
	Between 5 and 10 miles	14
	More than 10 miles	52
3.27	Travelling Distances To College	
	Less than 1 mile	4
	Between 1 and 5 miles	26
	Between 5 and 10 miles	4
	More than 10 miles	11
3.28	Mobile Library - Aware of it?	Households
	Yes	95
	No	84
3.29	Mobile Library - Used in Last Year?	
	Yes	16
	No	104
3.30	Mobile Library - Likely to Use?	
	Yes	74
	No	91

**3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.21
Public Transport - Use of buses**



3.23 - 3.25 Modes of Transport

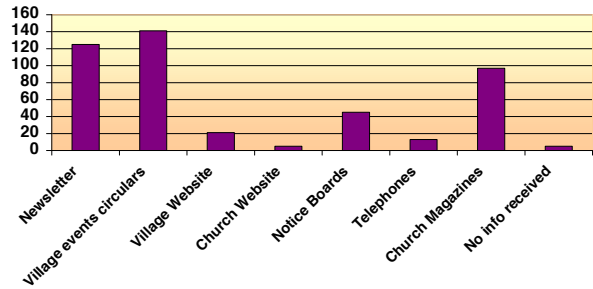


COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Information Routes Used

Information Route	Households
Newsletter	125
Village events circulars	141
Village Website	21
Church Website	5
Notice Boards	45
Telephones	13
Church Magazines	97
Don't receive any information	5

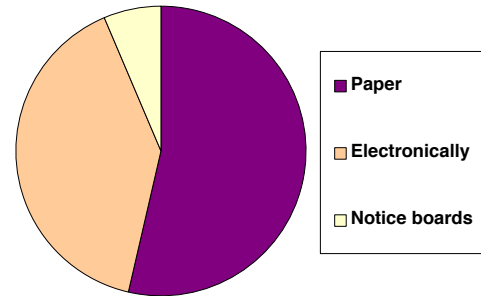
4.1 Information Routes Used



4.2 Information Source Preferences

Paper	74
Electronically	55
Notice boards	9

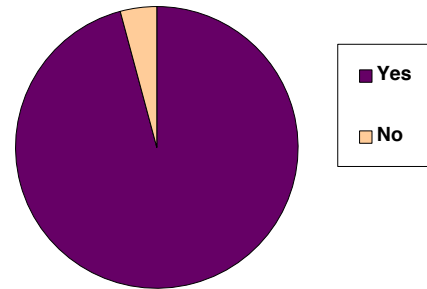
4.2 Information Source Preferences



4.3 Consolidated Newsletter - Wanted?

Yes	161
No	7

4.3 Consolidated Newsletter Wanted?



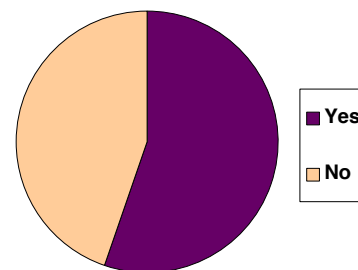
4.4 Consolidated Newsletter - Frequency?

Monthly	72
Bi-monthly	36
Quarterly	65

4.5 Consolidated Newsletter - Willing to pay?

Yes	98
No	79

4.5 Consolidated Newsletter - Willing to Pay?



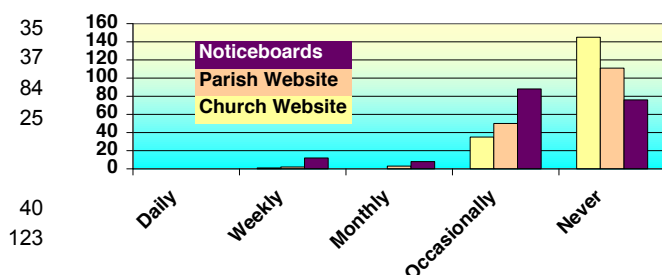
4.6 Consolidated Newsletter - Media

Paper	119
Electronically	62
Notice boards	3

4.7 Accessing the Church Website - Frequency

Daily	0
Weekly	1
Monthly	0
Occasionally	35
Never	145

4.7, 4.9 Frequency of Website Visits & Reading of Noticeboards



4.7 Accessing the Parish Website

Daily	0
Weekly	2
Monthly	3
Occasionally	50
Never	111

4.9 Notice Boards - Frequency of use?

Weekly	12
Monthly	8
Occasionally	88
Never	76

4.10 Notice Boards - Possible usage

Weekly	35
Monthly	37
Occasionally	84
Never	25

4.11 Notice Boards - More required?

Yes	40
No	123

COMMUNITY

Existing Facilities

Households

5.1 Church - Importance to the Community	
Very important	56
Important	92
Slight Importance	25
Not at all important	5
No opinion	11

5.2 Church Hall - Importance to the Community	
Very important	99
Important	75
Slight Importance	6
Not at all important	2
No opinion	7

5.3 Millennium Green - Importance to the Community	
Very important	81
Important	79
Slight Importance	16
Not at all important	5
No opinion	6

5.4 Church Hall - Usage	
Never	33
1 - 5 times	99
6 - 10 times	13
More than 11 times	32

5.5 Church Hall - Facilities	
Very good	49
Good	89
Poor	6
Very poor	0
No opinion	33

5.7 Church Hall - Possible hiring of the Hall	
Yes	135
No	40

5.8 Millennium Green - How many times visited	
Never	46
1 - 5 times	88
6 - 10 times	29
More than 11 times	16

5.10 Events and Activities - Attendances	
Never	52
1 - 5 times	106
6 - 10 times	12
More than 11 times	4

Young People's Groups

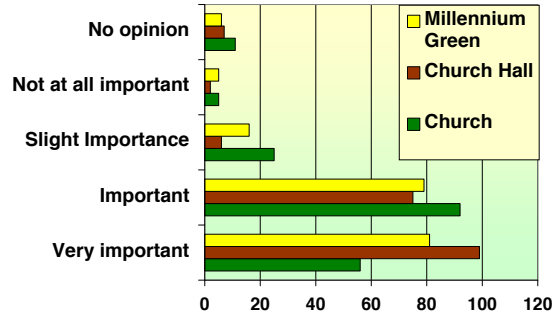
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5.12 Rainbows - How many?	7
5.13 Brownies - How many?	3
5.14 Guides - How many?	2
5.15 Sunday School - How many?	3

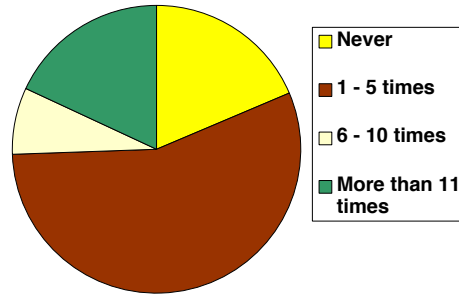
Adult Groups

5.16 Mothers' Union - How many?	9
5.17 Women's Institute - How many?	11
5.18 Whist Drives—How many?	1
5.19 AIR - Activities in Retirement - How many?	5
5.20 PROBUS - How many?	13

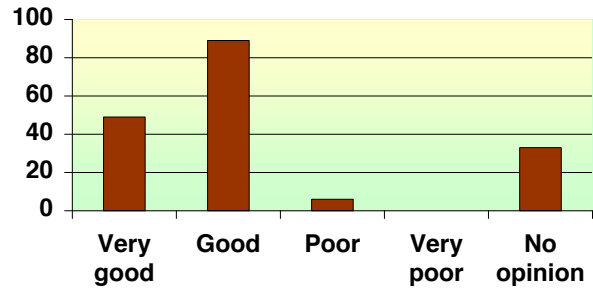
5.1 - 5.3 Importance to the Community



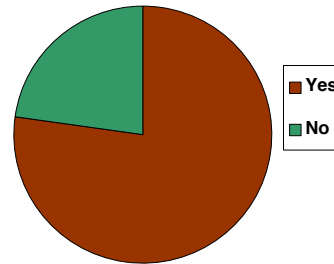
5.4 Usage of Church Hall



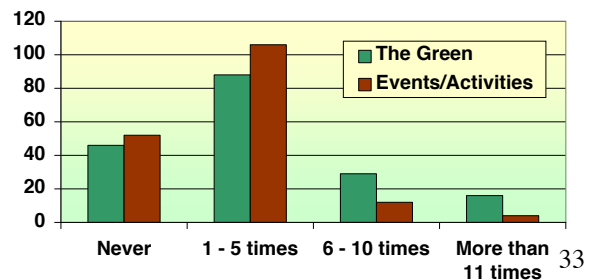
5.5 Church Hall Facilities



5.7 Possible Hiring of Church Hall

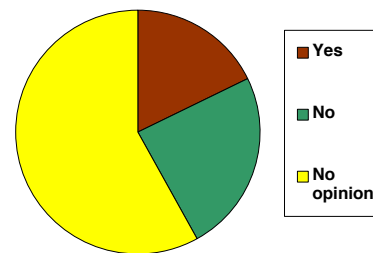


5.8, 5.10 Visits to Millenium Green and Attendance at Events/Activities

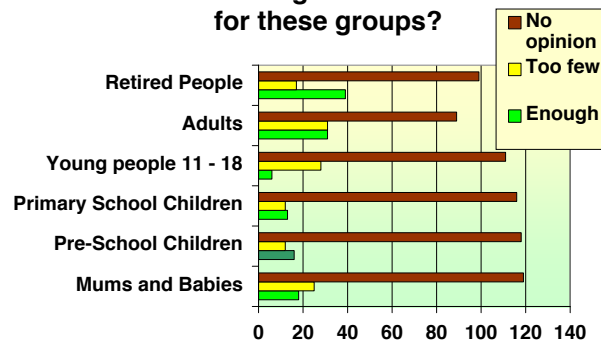


		People
<i>Interest in additional activities</i>		
5.22	Sports - Running/Football	18
5.23	Gentle sports - e.g. Pilates	57
5.24	Clubs for Young People	18
5.25	Craft/Art/Photography	43
5.26	Film/Theatre/Performing Arts	38
5.27	Music	28
5.28	Book Group	16
5.29	Bridge	14
5.30	History - Local/National	42
		Households
5.31	The North South Divide	
	Yes - the two communities are divided	32
	No - the two communities are not divided	43
	No opinion	104
Groups for Children and Adults		
5.33	Mums and Babies	
	Enough	18
	Too few	25
	No opinion	119
5.34	Pre-School Children	
	Enough	16
	Too few	12
	No opinion	118
5.35	Primary School Children	
	Enough	13
	Too few	12
	No opinion	116
5.36	Young people 11 - 18	
	Enough	6
	Too few	28
	No opinion	111
5.37	Adults	
	Enough	31
	Too few	31
	No opinion	89
5.38	Retired People	
	Enough	39
	Too few	17
	No opinion	99
Facilities for Children and Young People		
5.39	Playground for Children	
	Yes	93
	No	24
	No opinion	46
5.40	Provision for Teenagers	
	Yes	80
	No	20
	No opinion	56
5.42	Allotments - Would like to have one?	
	Yes	29
	No	135
	No opinion	17

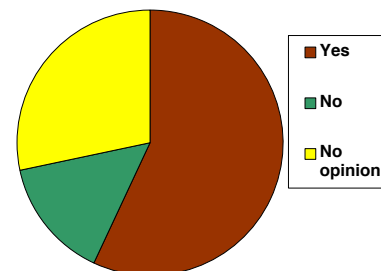
5.31 Does the A537 create a "social" North/South Divide?



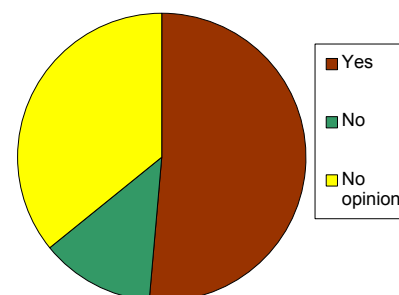
5.33 - 5.38 Enough Activities & Events for these groups?



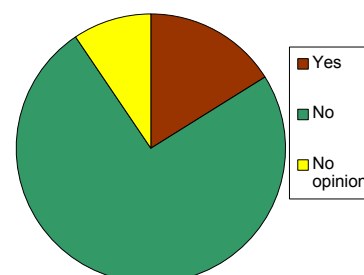
5.39 Playground for Children?



5.40 Provision for Teenagers?



5.42 Would you like an Allotment?



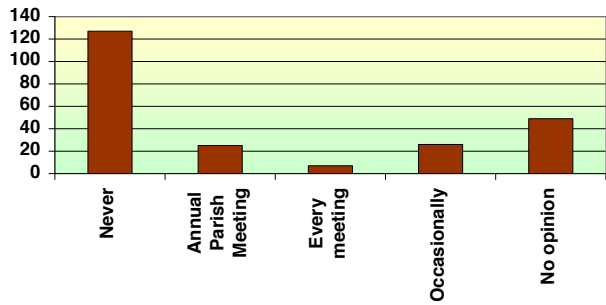
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5.43 Parish Council - Attendance

Never	127
Annual Parish Meeting	25
Every meeting	7
Occasionally	26
No opinion	49

Rating of Committees' and Working Parties' Performance

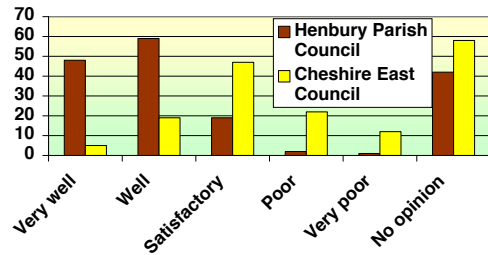
5.43 Parish Council Attendance



5.44 Henbury Parish Council

Very well	48
Well	59
Satisfactory	19
Poor	2
Very poor	1
No opinion	42

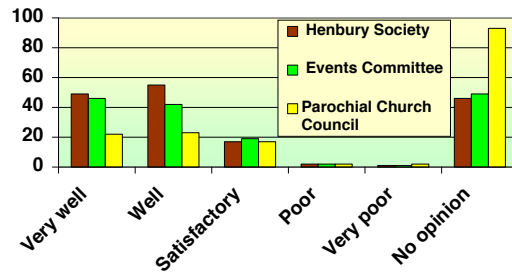
5.44, 5.48 Satisfaction Rating of Councils



5.45 The Henbury Society

Very well	49
Well	55
Satisfactory	17
Poor	2
Very poor	1
No opinion	46

5.45 - 5.47 Satisfaction rating of other groups



5.46 The Events Committee

Very Well	46
Well	42
Satisfactory	19
Poor	2
Very Poor	1
No opinion	49

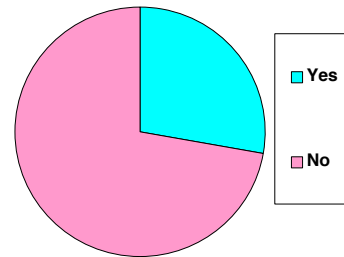
5.47 The Parochial Church Council

Very Well	22
Well	23
Satisfactory	17
Poor	2
Very Poor	2
No opinion	93

6.1 Affected by Crime or Vandalism in past 3 years

5.48 Cheshire East Council

Very Well	5
Well	19
Satisfactory	47
Poor	22
Very Poor	12
No opinion	58



SECURITY AND ROAD SAFETY

Crime, Neighbourhood Watches and Policing

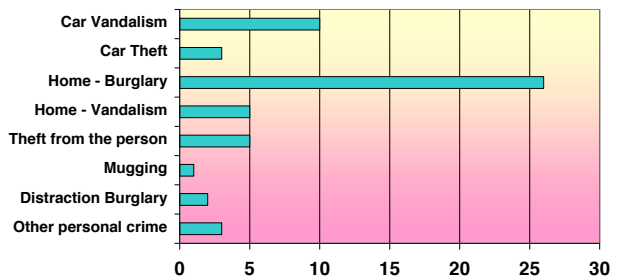
6.1 Affected by Crime or Vandalism in Henbury

Yes	51
No	132

6.2 - 6.9 Numbers and Types of Crime in past 3 years

Numbers and Types of Crime

6.2 Car Crime - Vandalism	10
6.3 Car Crime - Theft of a motor vehicle	3
6.4 Home - Burglary	26
6.5 Home - Vandalism	5
6.6 Personal Crime - Theft	5
6.7 Personal Crime - Mugging	1
6.8 Distraction Burglary	2
6.9 Personal Crime - Other types	3
6.10 Crime - Incidents reported to the Police	39

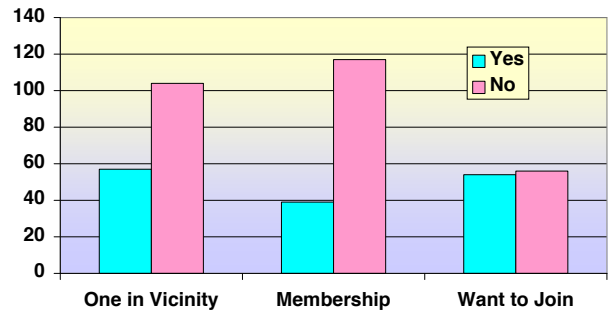


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Neighbourhood Watch

6.11 Neighbourhood Watch - One in the vicinity	
Yes	57
No	104
6.12 Neighbourhood Watch - Membership	
Yes	39
No	117
6.13 Neighbourhood Watch - Interested in having one?	
Yes	54
No	56

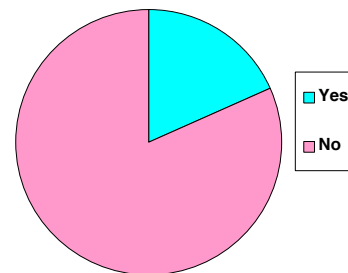
6.11 - 6.13 Neighbourhood Watch



Police Presence

6.14 Police/PCSO known to you	
Yes	31
No	139
6.15 Police Presence - Satisfaction Rating	
Very satisfied	3
Satisfied	31
No opinion	84
Dissatisfied	46
Very Dissatisfied	13

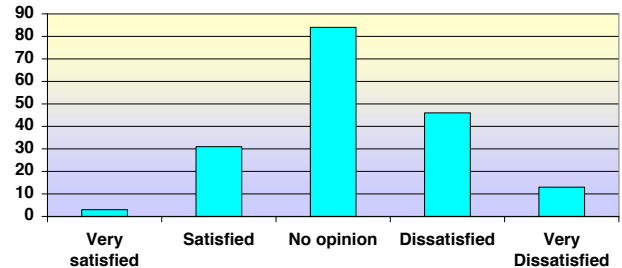
6.14 Police PCSO known to you?



6.15 Police Presence - Satisfaction Rating

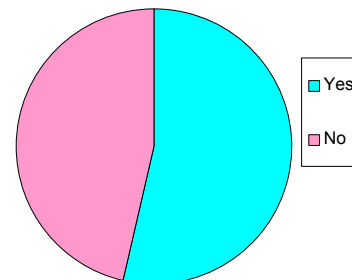
Road Safety

6.16 Speed Limits - Satisfaction levels	
Very satisfied	8
Satisfied	104
Dissatisfied	40
Very dissatisfied	23
No opinion	2
6.17 Speed Limits Review necessary	
Yes	90
No	78



6.17 Speed Limits - Review necessary?

6.19 Heavy Vehicles - Access Control satisfaction	
Very satisfied	9
Satisfied	79
Dissatisfied	16
Very dissatisfied	15
No opinion	34
6.20 Road Signage - Satisfaction rating	
Very satisfied	11
Satisfied	112
Dissatisfied	16
Very Dissatisfied	65
No opinion	15



APPENDIX 3 - TIMETABLE OF PLAN

- **March 2009** Public meeting. Strong support for Plan
- **Summer 2009** Formation of 9-person Steering Group
- **Autumn 2009** Application made for funding
- **December 2009** Funding achieved. Work starts on Questionnaire
- **April 2010** Questionnaire distributed
- **July 2010** Results shown at Public Meeting
- **Autumn 2010** Sub-groups develop recommendations for Plan
- **November 2010** Provisional Plan presented and discussed at Public Meeting
- **January 2011** Appeal for more volunteers
- **January - April 2011** Final Plan written, designed and printed
- **April 2011** Final Plan launched at Annual Parish Meeting



Sunset over Whirley Hall pool

